

Free use of public airwaves obligates users to serve the public interest. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force stations to air an anti-Kerry program is an egregious violation of that obligation. It is instead a patent violation of the equal time to each candidate rules.

Sinclair's actions demonstrate the need to strengthen media ownership rules, and to enforce the rules the owners are required to observe. A license renewal process needs to look at the performance of the stations involved and keeping those licenses should involve adherence to the rules.

Thank you, Lou Sauer